

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.
KAREN BAUMAN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Karen Bauman and to acknowledge her dedication to the teachers, students, and people of Western New York. Mrs. Bauman passed away suddenly on June 30, 2010 at the age of fifty-eight.

Karen Bauman was born on October 5, 1951 in Buffalo, New York. She was the younger of two children born to Frank and Sophia Hlavna. She graduated from Hamburg High School in 1969 and continued her education at Bryant and Stratton College. After finishing school, Karen found a job working for Liberty National Bank. It was at this bank where Karen met her future husband, Thomas Bauman. They were married in 1979, and when their children were born, Steven in 1980 and Joseph in 1984, Karen decided to stay home to raise her family.

Karen became uniquely involved in education when her oldest son, Steven, began kindergarten in 1986. She started volunteering at St. Mary of the Lake School several times a week, but it wasn't until 1990, the same year her son Joseph started kindergarten, when she was hired full time. She stayed in her position as an aide for twenty years.

During her many years of service, Karen had the privilege of teaching many children, leaving an everlasting impression on their lives. One of her students, Nicole Santiago, wrote, "She was one of the sweetest women I have ever had the good fortune to know. The things she has taught me will stay with me for the rest of my life. I will miss her so much."

Everyone who knew Karen remembers how her smile and laughter would brighten up the room and how she was always involved with various school, parish, and community functions. Whether it was serving as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary of the Lake Church or helping out at various school functions at St. Mary's School for the Deaf, Karen dedicated her life to service and volunteerism. Karen believed in living a Catholic life and she passed that on to her two sons.

Mrs. Bauman is survived by her husband, Thomas Bauman, her sons, Steven and Joseph, her brother, Larry Hlavna, as well as one niece and six nephews.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Karen Bauman for her dedication to others and tireless service to the Western New York community. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring her life and extending her family our deepest condolences.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, our nation will observe a landmark event next month as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Social Security program.

With its signing into law by President Franklin Roosevelt on August 14, 1935, our nation established a lifeline for countless millions of Americans and for thousands of the residents of the 10th Congressional District I have the privilege to represent. Throughout the past eight decades, Congress has always acted in a bipartisan manner to ensure the fiscal solvency of the program.

Ever since I was elected to Congress in 1970, I have dedicated myself to ensuring the financial security of the Social Security Trust Funds. At times, I had to speak out against Presidents of both parties who proposed changes in the system that would cut or eliminate Social Security cost-of-living-adjustments (COLAs) or even replace the program with private Social Security savings accounts. It was in the early 1980s that I established the bipartisan Social Security Caucus to fight against cuts in the COLAs and to preserve and protect the Social Security Trust Funds to ensure that benefits would continue to be there, as promised, for current and future generations of workers.

It was with great pride that I supported two of the major legislative initiatives to improve the delivery of Social Security benefits and to provide for the program's long-term financial solvency. The 1972 amendments adjusted benefits to allow them to catch up with inflation over the program's first 37 years and also instituted an automatic cost-of-living payment to allow them to stay in balance with inflation from there on out. The 1983 amendments made some adjustments to the program to reflect the longer lifespan of workers and the impact of inflation on the program and protected the long-term stability of the program for more than 75 years. That legislation passed the House 243-102 with my support as I joined 163 Democrats and 79 Republicans in approving the bill.

The 1983 amendments reflect what Congress can do in the interest of the American people when we work together in a bipartisan manner for the good of the people we are elected to serve. A House with a large Democrat majority joined a Senate with a Republican majority and worked with Republican President Ronald Reagan to make some tough decisions that protected the Social Security benefits for generations of older Americans.

As our nation looks down the road at our fiscal future, I will remain vigilant in seeing that Social Security continues to be a sound self-financing system that provides retirement security for generations of retirees. There is no doubt though that the time will come when we need to reexamine the financial footing of the system and it is my hope that we will once again join together in a bipartisan manner to make the best decisions for the American people.

Madam Speaker, too often Social Security has been used as a political weapon to scare older Americans for the benefit of one political cause or another. As we prepare to celebrate a milestone anniversary of the Social Security program, let us dedicate ourselves to reassuring the American people of our commitment to its long-term solvency and to honoring the greatest traditions of this House and this Congress to ensure that we address any future needs of the program in a bipartisan manner as we have done so many times in the past.

My resolve to protect Social Security for our nation's elderly remains firm and you can be sure of my continuing commitment in this regard. We owe the people we represent no less.

RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE CITY OF McMinnville

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of McMinnville, which next week will celebrate its bicentennial.

Named after Governor Joseph McMinn, who helped write the Tennessee state constitution in 1796, McMinnville has been the center of economic activity for Warren County for the last two hundred years. Agriculture and horticulture have long been staples of the people who live in middle Tennessee, and McMinnville is no exception. McMinnville's position on the Cumberland Plateau makes it uniquely suited to growing a wide variety of crops and plants. Home to about 650 nurseries specializing in everything from evergreen trees to flowering shrubs, it's no wonder that McMinnville is known as the "Nursery Capital of the World."

For a rural Tennessee community, McMinnville has given our country its fair share of notable statesmen and entertainers. Carl Thomas Rowan grew up in McMinnville before attending Tennessee State and Washburn Universities. He was later appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of State by President John F. Kennedy, served at the U.S. Ambassador to Finland, and became the first African American to hold a seat on the National Security Council.

In keeping with Tennessee's musical tradition, several McMinnville residents have become well known musicians in Nashville and throughout the United States. McMinnville native Uncle Dave Macon, also known as "the Dixie Dewdrop," became one of the first stars of the Grand Ole Opry. Dinah Shore moved to McMinnville with her family in 1924 and went on to become a television star and singer, performing alongside stars like Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald. Born and raised in McMinnville, Dottie West was made famous with her role as "Miss Country Sunshine" in a Coca-Cola commercial and her performances at the Grand Ole Opry.

As residents in McMinnville and across Warren County prepare to mark the city's 200th anniversary, I encourage them to take a moment and reflect on the history and heritage of their community so that it may be preserved as the city begins its third century.

IN MEMORY OF HARRY W. "RED" CAUGHRON

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding educator and